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1. Son Ngoc Thanh's free Cambodian group is located in Cambodia just across the border from Ban Dan (103-44; 12-27), Thailand. Thanh's forces comprise 200 armed and trained guerrillas. Two units, the sizes of which are unknown, were recently detached from the main force:
  - a. One group, headed by Prince Chantarangsri, was sent to Kompong Speu (104-30; 11-27).
  - b. The second group, headed by Khanh (Kanh) (fnu), was sent to Kompong Chhnang (104-39; 12-15).
2. An advance guard camp composed of 25 men is located two kilometers from Thanh's main camp. At the main camp there is machinery for repairing arms and manufacturing a small quantity of Japanese rifle bullets, plus the following reserve supply of arms: 50 Japanese rifles, 35 carbines, three light machine guns, one Sten gun and 200 Japanese grenades.
3. Two radio stations are located in the mountains about two kilometers from the main camp. These stations are under the command of Easi Chau and are guarded by 20 guerrillas. Another radio station is commanded by Sergeant Giang (fnu) and guarded by 20 guerrillas.
4. Thanh has organized a two-truck freight line between Surin (103-29; 14-53) and Ban Dan, Thailand, as a cover for moving supplies for his forces. Thanh is currently procuring in Bangkok 800 Sten gun and 800 carbine cartridges, and transformer parts for a new ten kilowatt generator. The titular head of Thanh's Bangkok supply unit is Phra Phiset. However, the bulk of the procurement is done by Duang Wichitpahonkit. Current preparations are aimed towards a combined Son Ngoc Thanh-Khmer Issarak attack on Siem Reap (103-51; 13-21) in January.

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5. A representative of Siew Heng approached Thanh regarding cooperation between their two groups. Thanh refused giving as a reason Heng's involvement with the Democratic Republic of Vietnam (DRV). Thanh accused Heng of falsely using the name of Son Ngoc Minh to enhance the prestige of Heng's group.
6. The Cambodian population in Bangkok and Surin recently agreed to contribute 25 Baht per head to Thanh's group.

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